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Anticipated Classification of this application:

Class: 340

Subclass:

Pat. Application: 09/177,096

Examiner:

Art Unit: 2736

## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a: ☐ continuation application  
☒ divisional application

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of pending prior application Serial No. 09/177,096, filed October 22, 1998, for the invention entitled "A METHOD AND APPARATUS TO INDICATE A PROCESSING STATUS FOR DIGITAL CONTENT". The inventors for this divisional application are Kenneth L. Milsted and Qing Gong.

1 [ X ] Enclosed are a specification, drawings, and a declaration. No new matter has been added.

2 [ X ] The filing fee is calculated below (see also paragraph 5 below):

Claims After Amendment	Number Filed		Number Extra	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
				Rate		Rate	
Total Claims	1	- 20 =	0	x \$ 9 =	\$	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0
Independent	1	- 3 =	0	x \$ 39 =	\$	x \$ 78 =	\$ 0
Basic Fee				Small Entity = \$380.00 Large Entity = \$760.00			\$ 760
Multiple Dependent Claims				+ \$135 =	\$	+ \$270 =	\$ 0
Assignment Recording Fee				+ \$40 =	\$	+ \$40 =	\$ 40
TOTAL FEE DUE =					\$		\$800.00

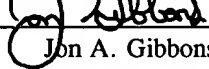
3. [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0459 in the amount of \$800.00 to cover the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0459.
5. [ X ] Cancel in this application original claims 2-44 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6. ☒ Related Application Data and Incorporation by Reference: Amend the specification by inserting before the first line:

a' -- This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/177,096, filed October 22, 1998, now \_\_\_\_\_, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/133,519, filed August 13, 1998, now \_\_\_\_\_. The entire disclosure of prior application Serial No. 09/177,096 is herein incorporated by reference. --

7. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application.
8. ☐ Priority of patent application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application \_\_\_\_\_.
9. ☒ An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation is enclosed.
10. ☒ A power of attorney is enclosed.
11. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
12. ☐ The statement of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is still proper.
13. ☒ Address all future communications to: Michael J. Buchenhorner  
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In re the continuation application of: KENNETH L. MILSTED, et al.  
 Serial No.: Unknown  
 Filed: November 30, 1998  
 For: A Method and Apparatus to Indicate a Processing Status for Digital Content

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
 [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 [ ] A petition for extension of time is enclosed.  
 [ ] An information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97 is enclosed.  
 [ ] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	OR	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	34 MINUS	20 =	14	x 9	\$	OR	x 18	\$252
INDEP CLAIMS	8 MINUS	3 =	5	x 39	\$	OR	x 78	\$390
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+135	\$	OR	+270	\$0
				TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$642

- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0459 in the amount of \$ 642.00 to cover the additional claims. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
 [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the extension fee is enclosed.  
 [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the information disclosure statement fee is enclosed.  
 [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0459.  
 [x] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.  
 [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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